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SUBJ: VISIT OF NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO HUNGARY

1. KNUT FRYDENLUND ARRIVED BUDAPEST SEPT 6 AND DEPARTED SEPT8, MAKING FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT BY A NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER TO HUNGARY. FBIS REPORTS CONTAIN DETAILS OF VISIT AND FRYDENLUND PRESS CONFERENCE. NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED PER NORWEGIAN WISHES. FOLLOWING INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR ROLF JERVING WHO PRESENTED HIS CREDENTIALS TO GOH JUST PRIOR TO MINISTER'S VISIT.

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2. ACCORDING TO JERVING, CULTURAL AGREEMENT CONCLUDED WITH HUNGARY (MINISTERS EXCHANGED INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION) MERE FRAMEWORK FOR FUTURE COOPERATION. LITTLE UNDERWAY YET UNDER AGREEMENT EXCEPT IN FIELD OF EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE. HUNGARIANS HAVE BEEN INSISTING THAT NORWEGIANS REMOVE DISCRIMINATORY TARIFFS ON IMPORTS OF INEXPENSIVE TEXTILES. NORWEGIANS HAVE NOT BEEN WILLING TO DO THIS WHICH DELAYING CONCLUSION OF NEW LONG-TERM TRADE AGREEMENT. NORWEGIANS OTHERWISE WOULD LIKE SUCH AN AGREEMENT SINCE IT TENDS TO GET HUNGARIAN FOREIGN TRADE PLANNERS AND ALLOCATORS THINKING IN TERMS OF NORWEGIAN EXPORTS. JERVING THOUGHT THAT NORWEGIANS IN ONE OR TWO MONTHS WOULD BE REMOVING TARIFFS ON INEXPENSIVE TEXTILES FOR BENEFIT OF LDC'S AS SIDE EFFECT, THIS ISSUE WOULD BE REMOVED AS OBSTACLE AND LEAD TO SIGNING OF NEW TRADE AGREEMENT.

3. DURING COURSE OF MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER PUJA, FRYDENLUND WAS SUBJECTED TO LONG MONOLOGUE ON HUNGARIAN FOREIGN POLICY PRESENTED IN FRIENDLY TONES BY AN EXPANSIVE PUJA. DIALOGUE DID OCCUR, HOWEVER, ON ISSUE OF DETENTE WHERE TWO SIDES AGREED PROGRESS AFTER HELSINKI WAS SLOWING DOWN, PUJA BLAMING WEST GERMAN PROVOCATIONS ON GDR BORDER AND WESTERN PROPAGANDA ATTACKS, FRYDENLUND CITING ANGOLA AND GDR OFFENSES ON ITS BORDER. THEY BOTH AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT AT BELGRADE IN 1977 EAST AND WEST SHOULD EXAMINE THIS SITUATION WITHOUT MUTUAL RECRIMINATION. DURING VISIT HUNGARIANS PRESENTED DOCUMENT CONTAINING GOH PROPOSALS FOR BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT HELSINKI FINAL DOCUMENT. JERVING HAD NOT YET STUDIED IT BUT THOUGHT IT SIMILAR TO ONE PRESENTED TO DENMARK (USNATO A-181).

4. JERVING SAID THAT HUNGARIAN PRIME MINISTER HAD ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT NORWAY IN SPRING OF 1977. HE ALSO CITED INCREASED PACE OF OFFICIAL VISITS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF NORWAY AND OTHER SCANDINAVIAN COUNTRIES AND OFFICIALS OF GOH. THESE WERE SIGNS OF WHAT HE SAW AS CONCERTED HUNGARIAN EFFORT TO EXPAND RELATIONS WITH SCANDINAVIA AND THROUGH SUCH AN EXPANSION EVENTUALLY TO

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GAIN SLIGHTLY FREER HAND TO DEVELOP MORE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY. AFTER AUSTRIANS AND FINNS, SCANDINAVIANS ARE MOST LOGICAL CANDIDATE FOR SUCH LONG-RANGE TACK, HE SAID.
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